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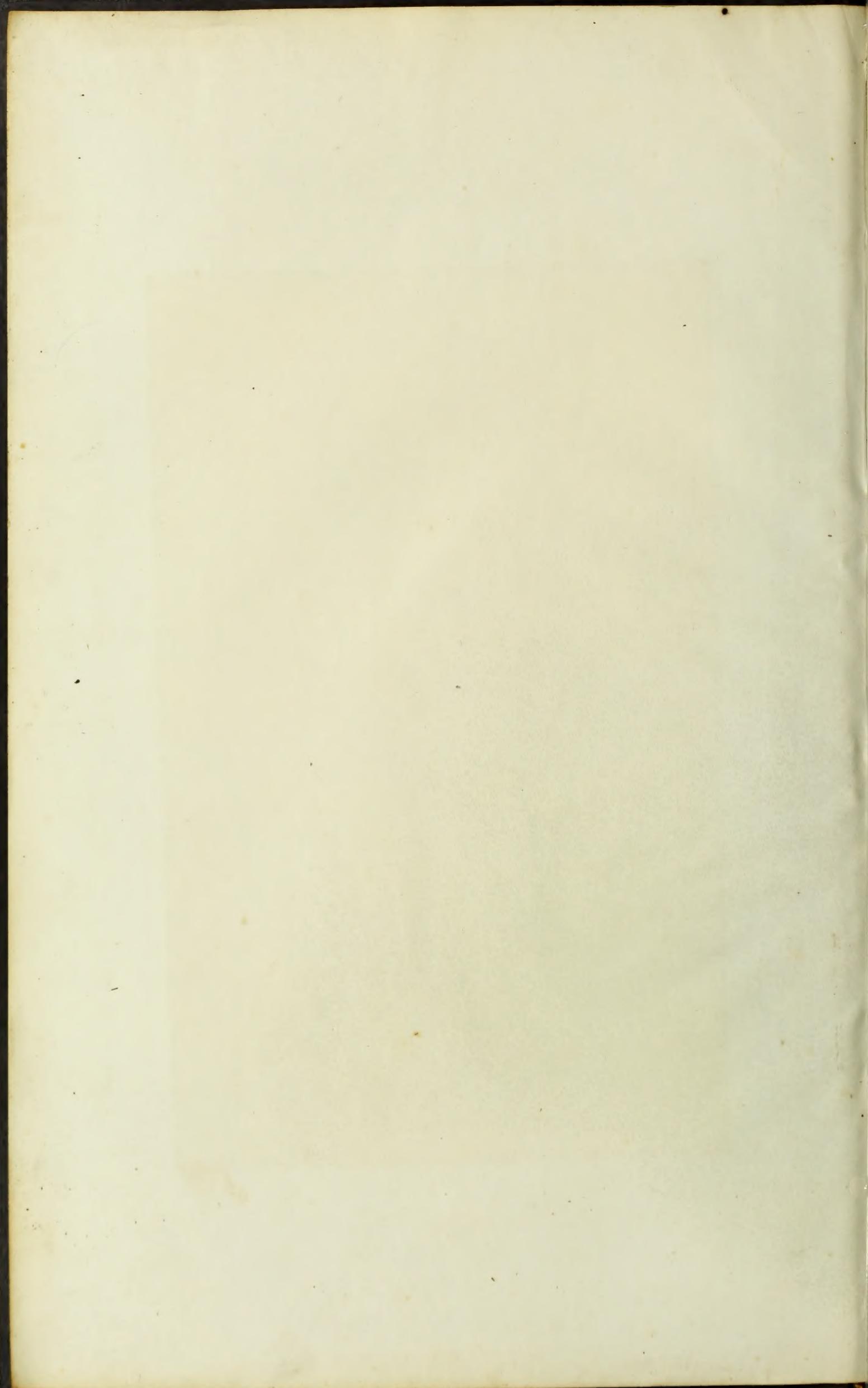
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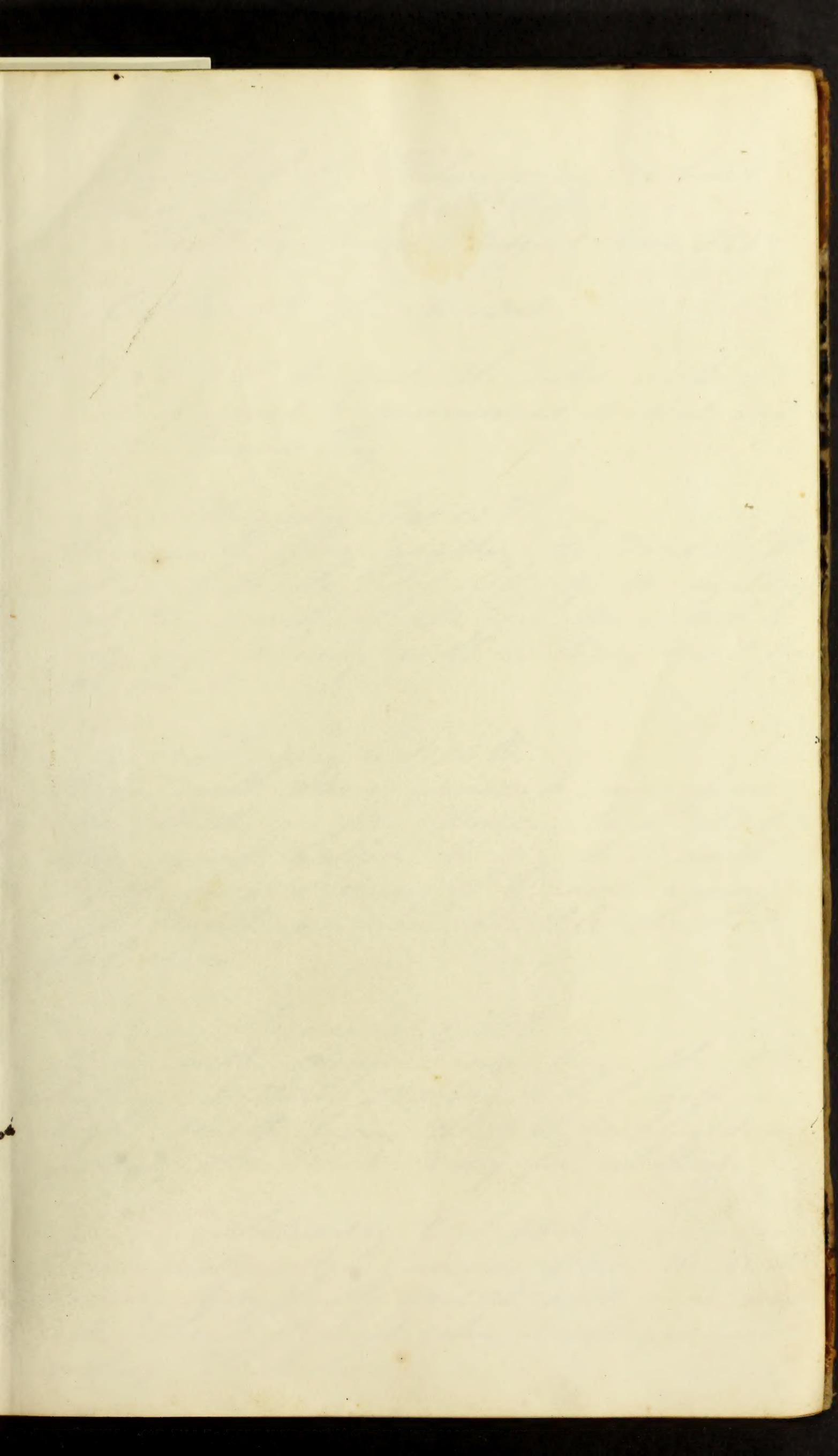


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Journal of a Whaling voyage on board
Bark Gay Head Capt. ^{John} Gifford
Kept by Robert P. Gifford Com 1870

October 11th Sea Account

At 9 P.M. took the anchor with a
S.W. wind & commenced to beat out
of Buzzards Bay

Wednesday Oct 12th

Com with fine weather the Wind SSW
at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. the Pilot left off the light Boat
at the mouth of the Bay the middle &
last part cloudy with a strong wind from
the South

Thursday Oct 13th

Com with strong winds & rain from
the South on the Western tack at 7 A.M.
the wind halled to the N.W. with
thick fog steering S.E. with a very
high swell from the the S.E. the last
part clear

Friday Oct 14th

Com with strong Breezes from the N.W.
halling Northward steering S.E. by S. with a
high swell from the S.E. Employed in
getting the Boats ready for whaling

Saturday Oct 15th

Com with strong winds from the North
steering E. by S. the middle part more mod-
erate the last part calm employed in
coiling Whale Lines

Sunday Oct 16th 1870

Corn with light winds from the N^E heading S^E by the wind the middle & last part light airs from the same

Latt 38.35

Long 62.12

Monday Oct 17th

All this day light & variable winds from N^E to S^E working to windward Employed in various kinds of work

Latt 39.46

Long 60.21

Tuesday Oct 18th

Corn with light winds from the S^E steering by the wind heading E^SE the middle & last part light winds from the S steering E Employed in working on the rigging

Latt 40.43

Long 57.42

Wednesday Oct 19th

Corn with light winds from the S^W steering S^E by N the middle & last part fresh gales from S^W to W steering S^E at 10 P^M stow the W^E B on the Cranes & Bent the forward dwt employed in ships duty

Latt 42.40

Long 53.50

Thursday Oct 20th

Corn with fresh gales from the N^W steering S^E at 6 A^M W hoys too under a close reefed N^E sail at 2 P^M N^E it moderated & steered S^E at 6 made all sail the last part light wind from N^E

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Remarks on Board Bark Goy Head

Friday Oct 21st

Coum with light winds from N.E to S.S. steering by the wind southerly the middle & last part the wind from S to S.W steering S.E by E employed in getting the cutting gear ready

Saturday Oct 22nd

Coum with light gales from S.S.W steering S.E by E at 2 P.M raised a sail to windward the middle part more moderate the last part light winds from the same at 4 P.M saw a ship boiling to windward at 8 P.M raised a ship on our weather bow at 9 spoke her it was the William & Henry at 11 raised sperm whales on our weather bow

Sunday Oct 23rd

Coum with light winds from the S.W at 10.30 lowered for the whales at 2 the S.B went along side of the boat steerer missed him at 3 the S.B struck at 4 the B.B struck a good whale & saved him the S.B killed him at 5 got them along side the middle part lying to under short sail getting ready to cut at 6 P.M called all hands & coum to cut at 10 finished cutting & made sail heading E

Remarks on Board Bark Gay Head

Monday Oct 24th

All this day strong breezes from the North steering ESE, all hands employed in clearing the decks & boiling, a very heavy swell from the NNE (Lat 38,40 Long 44,50)

Tuesday Oct 25th

All this day strong breezes from the N to NE steering SSW at 3 PM finished Boiling the remainder of the day the watch employed in clearing the decks (Lat 37,14 Long 42,12)

Wednesday Oct 26th

All this day strong breezes from N to E heading from SSW to SSE by the wind under double reefed topsails the watch employed in putting on shafing gear (Lat 35,18 Long 41,13)

Thursday Oct 27th

The first & middle part of this day strong breezes from the E heading SSE at 6 PM it moderated & made all sail at 10 the wind halled to the S tacked heading SSE the watch employed in working in the rigging (Lat 34,18 Long 40,30)

Friday Oct 28th

Com with light breezes from the South the middle & last part strong winds from the same heading SSE the watch employed in ships duty (Lat 34,05 Long 38,40)

On a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1870

Saturday Oct 29th

Sail this day 7th AM from the South
heading S^E under Close reefed Sails
8th Course the watch employed in ships
duty

Latt 34.11
Long 37.00

Sunday Oct 30th

Calm with light winds from the N^W
at 8 AM it halled to the S^W
heading S^E with light swell
from the same the last part calm

Latt 34.04
Long 37.15

Monday Oct 31st

Calm with a calm of very high swell
from the S^E at 12 M^o it com
to breeze up from the S^E heading
S^E the last part strong breeze
from the S^E at 10 PM reefed
the Sails the watch employed in
breaking out for water Latt 34.03
Long 32.42

Tuesday Nov 1st

Calm with light winds from the
S^E heading S^E the middle part
the wind halled to the N^W
with a high swell from the S^E
the last part the wind from the
N^E steering South Latt 33.20
Long 31.25

Remarks on Board Bark Gay Head

Wednesday Nov 2^d
Calm with light & variable winds
from S & E the middle & last
part light winds from the E
steering S S E by the wind with
squall of rain a sail on our lea

Latt 34.10

Thursday Nov 3^d Long 31.20
All this day light winds from
the E heading S S E the first part
the watch employed in the rigging
the last part in stowing oil

Latt 28.50

Friday Nov 4th Long 30.40
All this day strong winds from
the E steering by the wind heading
S by E & E Employed in working
in the rigging & mending the W Boat

Latt 25.50

Saturday Nov 5th Long 30.11
All this day strong winds from the E by
heading S by E the watch employed in
making canvas at 9 P.M. double cleated the
W Sails

Latt 23.10

Long 29.30

Sunday Nov 6th
Calm with strong winds from the E &
S by E for 3 days strong squall of wind
and rain again the last the heading
S by E & W Watch heading S by E
with light winds

Latt 22.30

Long 29.30

On a Whaling Voyage from NB 1870

Monday Nov 7th
All this day light airs from the S by W
heading S by E the watch employed
in mending the Boat & working
in the rigging Lat 21° 4' 3
Long 29° 13

Tuesday Nov 8th
All this day light airs from the S by E
heading S by W all hands employed
in getting up rigging Lat 21° 0'
Long 29° 38

Wednesday Nov 9th
All this day light winds from the S by E
heading S by W saw 3 sails during the
day the watch employed in working in
the rigging & making canvas Lat 18° 30
Long 29° 54

Thursday Nov 10th
All this day strong trades from the S
steering S by E the watch employed in
ships duty Lat 16° 58
Long 29° 11

Friday Nov 11th
The first & middle part strong trades
the last part more moderate steering
S by E the watch employed in
making canvas Lat 14° 12
Long 28° 19

Saturday Nov 12th
All this day light trades steering S by E
the watch employed in working
in the rigging & making canvas
Lat 12° 25
Long 26° 47

Remarks on Board the Bark
All the Sunday Nov 13th

All this day light winds from
the E to N E steering S by E
the watch employed in ships duty
Lat 10.75°

Long 26.03

Monday Nov 14th

All this day light trades steering
S by E saw 4 seals during the day
the watch employed in making
civet & working in the rigging
Lat 8.50°

Long 25.45

Tuesday Nov 15th

All this day light winds from
the E with squalls of rain steering
S the watch employed in ships
duty
Lat 6.76°

Long 25.30

Wednesday Nov 16th

All this day Calm with many
& squalls of rain & thick clouds all
day
Lat & Long
in known

Thursday Nov 17th

Calm with calms the middle part
light airs from the E & S with
much rain the last part calm

Lat 6.39

Friday Nov 18th

Long 25.44

All this day light winds from the
E steering South at 6 P.M. raised
whales Breaching 5 miles dist at 9th covered
at 10 the B.B. struck at 11 the S.B.
got fast at 12 got them along side

Gay Head on a Whaling voyage from N.A. 1870
Saturday Nov 19th

Spent with getting ready to cut at
2 & corn to cut at 4 finished cutting
the remainder of the day employed
in Boiling

Latt 5^o 30

Long 25^o 34

Sunday Nov 20th

Spent with calms employed in boiling
at 5 & 10 finished Boiling & cooled down
the middle part light airs from the
S S W heading S E the last part calm

Latt 5^o 23

Monday Nov 21st

Long 25.27

Spent with light airs from the S W heading
S E with a high swell from the S E
the middle part the same the last
part calm

Latt 5^o 27

Long 24.57

Tuesday Nov 22nd

Spent with calms the watch employed
in breaking out water the middle
to last part light airs from the S W
heading S E

Latt 4^o 22

Long 24.30

Wednesday Nov 23rd

All this day light winds from the
S S E heading S W with much
rain

Latt 3^o 03

Thursday Nov 24th

All this day light winds from the
S S E heading S W with constant
rain

Latt 2^o 24

Long 26.28

Remarks on Board the Bark Lay Head

Friday Nov 25th

All this day light S E trades heading
S E W with frequent squalls
of rain saw 3 sails during the
day

Latt 00^o 57^m

Long 27^o 12^m

Saturday Nov 26th

All this day strong trades steering
S by W the wach employed in
working in the riging { Latt 2^o 38^m

Long 28^o 00^m

Sunday Nov 27th

All this day strong trades steering
by the wind heading S by W 1^o W
Saw a sail to wind-ward { Latt 5^o 48^m

Long 29^o 14^m

Monday Nov 28th

All these 24 hours fresh trades steering
by the wind heading S by W 1^o W
the wach employed in breaking
out water & stowing down oil Latt 8^o 58^m

Long 28^o 49^m

Tuesday Nov 29th

All this day light trades steering
S E W the wach employed in
working in the riging Latt 11^o 27^m

Long 31^o 05^m

Wednesday Nov 30th

All this day light winds from
the N E steering S E W the
wach employed in making
cotton & working in the riging

Latt 8^o 48^m

Long 32^o 07^m

on a Whaling voyage from NB 1820

Thursday Dec 1st

All this day light winds from the E^W
steering N^EW the wash employed in
making canvas & various other work

Latt 15.48

Long 32.51

Friday Dec 2^d

All this day light airs from the N^E
with calms in the middle part
steering S^EW

Latt 16.89

Long 33.12

Saturday Dec 3^d

All this day light airs from the N^E
with frequent showers of rain steering
S^EW by N^EW the wash employed in
straightening the H^RBoats davets

Latt 17.18

Long 33.58

Sunday Dec 4th

All this day light airs from the the North
steering N^EW at 10 PM saw a sail
steering to Westward

Latt 18.43

Long 34.82

Monday Dec 5th

All this day light winds from the N^E
steering S^EW with frequent squalls of
rain in the middle part A sail is in sight
on our Port quarter 15 miles dist { Latt 20.40
Long 35.35

Tuesday Dec 6th

All this day strong winds from the N^E
steering S^EW by S the wash employed in
making spun yarn to other ships duty with
frequent squalls in the middle part

supposed latt 22.30

Long 37.30

Remarks on Board the Bark Bay Head

(Wednesday Dec 7th)

All this day light airs from the N E
steering S W by E with frequent
squalls of rain the wash employed
in ships duty

Latt 23.40

Long 58.07

(Thursday Dec 8th)

All this day light winds from the North
bearing S E W with cloudy weather &
much rain

(Friday Dec 9th)

All this day light winds from the N E
steering S W by E with thick & rainy weather
the first & middle part the last part clear

Latt 27.22

Long 40.° 07

(Saturday Dec 10th)

All this day fine weather the wind moderate
from North to W steering from S W by South
to S by W saw a sail in the first part
of the day going North East

Latt 29.39

Long 41.17

(Sunday Dec 11th)

All this day light winds from the N E
steering S W by E the wash employed in
making spun yarn &c

Latt 31.10

Long 42.30

(Monday Dec 12th)

All this day light winds from the N W
steering S W by E the wash employed in
ships duty

Latt 32.56

Long 44.07

(Tuesday Dec 13th)

on A Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1870
All this day strong winds from S E to
S of E heading from S S E to S S
with thick weather the most of the time
Lat 34.77
Long 43.30

Wednesday Dec 14th

The first & middle part of this day light
winds from the North the last part
from the S W steering by the wind
heading S S E to S Lat 38.07
Long 44.17

Thursday Dec 15th

The first & middle part of this day
strong winds from the W & NW
steering S E W. The last part calm
Lat 39.18
Long 45.41

Friday Dec 16th

All this day light winds from the
E & North steering S E W the watch
employed in ships duty Lat 41.20
Long 46.49

Saturday Dec 17th

All this day strong winds from the N E
steering S E W with much rain & fog
Lat 43.25
Long 48.57

Sunday Dec 18th

All this day light winds from the S W
steering S W with equally weather in
the middle part

Remarks on Board the Bark Gay Head

Monday Dec 19th

All this day light winds from the N.W
& West steering from S of W to S W
with cloudy weather the most of the
time

Latt 45^o 28'

Long 49,32

Tuesday Dec 20th

Calm with strong breezes from the
W falling to S W suddenly have to
under a clost reefed Main T Sail at
2 P.M. it blowing a gale through the
lay

Latt 45,46

Long 49,18

Wednesday Dec 21st

All this day strong breezes from the
S W heading S S E under clost reefs

Latt 46,08

Thursday Dec 22^d Long 49,05

All the first & middle part of this
day light gales from the W with
a high swell from the S W heading
S of W at 9 P.M. shoock out the
reefs & set the Main T Gallant Sail

Latt 47,10

Long 49,36

Friday Dec 23^d

All this day light winds from the W. N.W
steering by the wind heading S W with a
high swell from the S E

Latt 49,20

Long 52,33

Saturday Dec 24th

The first part of this day light winds from the
W. N.W to west the middle & last part
fresh breezes from the same heading S W

Latt 50,57 Long 54,44

on a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1870

Sunday Dec 25th

All this day strong Breezes from the N^W
steering S^W by E^W at 12 M^o adid the
falkland Islands in Latt 52^o 34'

Long 59^o 0'

Monday Dec 26th

All this day light & variable winds from
N^W to S^E steering S^W by E^W with
cloudy weather the most of the time Latt 53^o 10'

Long 61^o 06'

Tuesday Dec 27th

Com with light winds from the E & S^E
steering S^W the middle part the wind
halled to the S heading E^W & W^W the
last part strong breezes from the S^W reefed
the Topsails at 8 P^M

Latt 53^o 7'

Long 61^o 06'

Wednesday Dec 28th

Com with strong breezes from the S^W the middle
part the wind halled to the N^W & steered
S^E with light airs at 3 P^M raised Estate Land
& steered S^E the wind halling North with
rain at 11 P^M passed the land so milder dist

Latt 54^o 50'

Long 63^o 45'

Thursday Dec 29th

Com with strong breezes from the N^E halling
Easterly steering from E^W to S^W at 6 A^M the
wind halled to the S^W at 9 double reefed
the Yails heading S all the remainder part
of the day the same Latt 55^o 58'

Long 63^o 00'

Remarks on Board the Bark Gay Head

Friday Dec 30th

All this day light airs from the W heading a part of the time on either tack saw a ship steering N \circ

Latt 56,34

Long 63,39

Saturday Dec 31st

Calm with calm the middle part a light air from the W the last part it halled to the North & freshens steering West

Latt 56,15

Long 65,00

Sunday Jan 1st 1871

All this day fresh breezes from the West heading SSW & SW by S with much rain

Latt 56,59

Long 66,20

Monday Jan 2nd

Calm with strong Breezes from the West the middle part light air from the same heading SW the last part light air from the E steering W with a very high swell running from the same 6 sails in sight

Tuesday Jan 3rd

The first & middle part of this day light wind from the E steering W with a high swell from the same the last part light air from the SW heading W N W with 9 sails in sight

Latt 57,06

Wednesday Jan 4th

Long 68,30

Calm with light winds & breezing on from the 1st at 3 A M raised the Diegoes bearing N by E 30 miles dist the middle part strong breeze from the same the last part light air from the E steering W Latt 46,40 Long 70,37

on a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1810
Thursday Jan 5th

Com with strong breezes from the North steering
W the middle part light gales from the same
with much rain at 11 A M reaped the F. Sails
the last part light gales from the NW
heading SW

Latt 36.30

Long 73.15.

Friday Jan 6th

Com with light gales from the W heading
NW W the middle part fresh gales from
the same at 7 A M clost reaped the Fore
& Main F. Sails. I furled the courses & gibb
heading NW by N the last part more moderate
the wind halling to the NW at 10 P M
tacked heading W & W Latt 36.15; Long 73.28

Saturday Jan 7th

Com with light winds from the NW halling
to the North the middle part strong
breezes from the N N E heading NW with
much rain the last part light winds
from the N heading NW W with a
high swell from the West, Latt 35.55 Long 76.36

Sunday Jan 8th

Com with light winds from the North heading
W NW the middle part calm the last
part strong breezes from the W steering North
Latt 34.34 Long 77.50

Monday Jan 9th

All this day light gales from the W & NW
steering North the first & middle part
the last part heading N E with much
rain all day

Remarks on Board the Bark Gray Head

Tuesday Jan 10th

All this day fresh gales from the N $\frac{W}{N}$ & $\frac{W}{N}$
a part of the time on either tack with
much rain Latt 52.40 Long 77.30

Wednesday Jan 11th

The first & middle part of this day fresh gales from
the $\frac{W}{N}$ & $\frac{S}{W}$ steering N by $\frac{W}{N}$ with a high swell
from the NW with frequent squalls of rain
Latt 51.10 Long 77.49

Thursday Jan 12th

Calm with light gales from the S $\frac{W}{N}$ steering N by $\frac{W}{N}$
the middle & last part light winds from the W
steering North Latt 49.00 Long 78.00

Friday Jan 13th

Calm with strong breezes from the $\frac{W}{N}$ & NW
heading from NNW to NNE the middle
& last part light gales from the N $\frac{W}{N}$ heading
NNE with much rain Latt 47.36 Long 77.19

Saturday Jan 14th

All this day fresh gales from the W heading
NNW under close reefs & Sails & Course
with much rain in the first & middle parts
Latt 45.20 Long 77.42

Sunday Jan 15th

All this day light breezes from the S $\frac{W}{N}$
steering North with a sail in sight all day
& clear weather Latt 42.20 Long 77.30

Monday Jan 16th

All this day light breezes from the S $\frac{W}{N}$ & So at 2 A.M
raised sperm Whales & lowered at 8 A.M came on board & harpooned
sail heading a part of the time on either tack at 5 P.M made
sail & steered from NW to NE Latt 41.05 Long 76.70

On a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1871

Tuesday Jan 17th

All this day strong breezes from the So steering NNE
at 12 M D raised the I of De La Mocha 15 miles
dist bearing N E by N Lat 38.30 Long 74.05

Wednesday Jan 18th

All this day strong breezes from the So
lying off on at Mocha - Henry H. Worth
Deserted

Thursday Jan 19th

Born with strong breezes from the So lying off
Mocha at 7 A M steered NNW the middle
& last part strong breezes from the same
steering NNW Lat 36.02 Long 75.05

Friday Jan 20th

All this day light winds from the So steering
N NW the wach employed in breaking out
in the After-hack & working in the rigging
Lat 33.35 Long 76.30

Saturday Jan 21st

All this day light winds from the S W steering
N NW by N the wach employed in making
spunyarn & making bearers for the West boat
Lat 32.00 Long 77.53

Sunday Jan 22nd

All this day fine weather & light winds from the
So steering N NW by N the wach employed in
working in the rigging & making spunyarn Lat 30.03
Long 79.45

Monday Jan 23rd

All this day light winds from the S E steering
N NW by N Lat 27.50
Long 81.00

Remarks on Board the Bark Bay-Head

Tuesday Jan 24th

All this day light trades steering N N W
at 7 P.M. saw a sail on our S Bow steering
to the S W the wach employed in working
in the rigging

Wednesday Jan 25th

All this day light trades steering N W by E
the wach employed in ratting down &
making spuyarn at 8 P.M. got the West
Boat on her cranes Latt 24.21 Long 83.30

Thursday Jan 26th

All this day light trades from the S E steering
N W by N the wach employed in ratting
down & making spuyarn Latt 22.20 Long 84.15

Friday Jan 27th

All this day light trades steering N W by N
the wach employed in working in the
rigging & painting the BB Latt 20.04 Long 85.50

Saturday Jan 28th

All this day light trades steering N W by N
the wach employed in painting Boats & noting
wars Latt 17.53 Long 87.15

Sunday Jan 29th

All this day light trades & pleasant weather
steering N W by N Latt 16.19 Long 88.15

Monday Jan 30th

All this day light trades steering N W
saw several fin backs during the day, the
wach employed in setting up rigging Latt 14.50
Long 89.28

On a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1837
Tuesday Jan 31st

All this day light winds from the ESE
steering NW by N the watch employed in
setting up rigging

Wednesday Feb 1st

All this day light trades steering NW by N
the watch employed in working in the rigging
& making Spun-yarn = Lat^t 12.25 Long 91.42

Thursday Feb 2^d

All this day light airs from the SSW steering N.W.W
the watch employed in making Spun-yarn &
various other work Lat^t 11.50

Friday Feb 3^d

All this day light trades at 3 AM raised Spin
Whales & masts dist on our S. Bear breaching
at 4 lowered for them without success at 7
came on board & shortened sail lying by the
wind through the night heading N^E at 5 PM
made all sail at 9 steered West Lat^t 11.32 Long 93.00

Saturday Feb 4th

All their day light trades steering W by N
through the day & by the wind at night
under easy sail all hands employed in making
Spun-yarn & working in the rigging Lat^t 11.10 Long 94.09

Sunday Feb 5th

All this day light trade steering W by N
through the day & hove too at night
Lat^t 10.54 Long 94.19

Monday Feb 6th

All this day light trades with intervals
of rain in the last part the watch
employed in making Spun-yarn

Lat^t 10.01 Long 94.56

Remarks on board the Bark Gay-Head

Tuesday Feb 7th

All this day strong trades steering from
W to N through the day & by the
wind at night under reefed & Gails

Latt 7.22 Long 96.34

Wednesday Feb 8th

All this day fresh trades steering North
through the day & hove too at night
with squalls of rain the watch employed
in making spun-yarn

Thursday Feb 9th

All this day light trades steering N & N
through the day & hove too at night
all hands employed in mending sails
& making spun-yarn Latt 7.12 Long 97.40

Friday Feb 10th

All this day light trades steering N & W & N
all hands employed in mending sails
& making spun-yarn Latt 6.23 Long 98.19

Saturday Feb 11th

All this day light trades steering from
W N W to N all hands mending sails
& working in the rigging Latt 4.58 Long 98.50

Sunday Feb 12th

All this day fresh trades steering from W N W to N
through the day & hove too at night one watch
on duty Latt 3.53 Long 101.03

Monday Feb 13th

All this day light trades steering N & N through
the day & hove too at night all hands employed
in mending sails & making spun-yarn Latt 3.15
Long 102.34

on a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1871
Tuesday Feb 14th

All this day light trades steering from W to N lying to at night at 8 P.M raised Spinn Whales & lowered 3 boats at 9 the W Boat struck to the 4th Boat lowered at 9 & the T.B struck at 10 the W Boat got her 2^d whale at 10 & the L.B struck & lost lines she took the S.B line at 11 struck again at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ killed him at 11 the B.B killed her whale

Wednesday Feb 15th

All this day light trades at 3 A.M the W.B got her whales along side & went for the B.B at 3: the L.B got an other & towed them together at 6 finished getting them along side & got supper, the S.B went on twice & missed & set the watches at 7 at 5 P.M called all hands & com to cut so ends this day

Latt 2.30 Long 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20

Thursday Feb 16th

All this day light trades at 4 A.M finished cutting & cleared the deck the remainder of the day employed in boiling

Friday Feb 17th

All this day fresh trades with double reefs a part of the time on either tack heading S.W or one & S.S.W on the other tack employed in boiling Latt 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 39

Long 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10

Saturday Feb 18th

All this day light trades steering by the working to windward the watch employed in boiling until 4 P.M cooled down clearing deck & cooking the rest of the day Latt 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 Long 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ 50

Sunday Feb 19th

All this day light trades steering W by N with frequent squalls in the middle & last part the watch employed in ship duty

Latt 1.05 Long 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ 55

Remarks on board Bark Gay Head
Monday Feb 20th

All this day light trades steering W by N N
the rach employed in making spun yarn
& breaking out the after hatch Latt 43° 0
Long 108.00

Tuesday Feb 21st

All this day light S E trades steering NW
with much rain in the middle &
last parts Latt 42° North Long 109.03

Wednesday Feb 22nd

All this day light & variable winds from
S to E with much rain steering from
W NW to NNW

Thursday Feb 23rd

All this day light winds from S E to
N E with frequent squalls of rain
Latt 38.32 Long 109.45

Friday Feb 24th

All this day light trades from the N E
with fine weather steering W N W
the rach employed in working in the
rigging & painting the spare boats
Latt 34.00 Long 110.50

Saturday Feb 25th

All this day light N E trades steering
W N W the rach employed in
mending the Main Y Gail Latt 42.2 Long 112.

Sunday Feb 26th

All this day light N E trades steering
S W by W N W with fine weather Latt 5.30
Long 114.07

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Monday Feb 27th

All this day moderate trades steering
W N W with squalls in the middle
part the wash employed in making
Spun-yarn Latt 6.47 Long 114.38

Tuesday Feb 28th

All this day fresh trades steering W N W
the wash employed in making spun-yarn
& capping the rigging, Latt 7.51 Long 120.00

Wednesday March 1st

All this day moderate trades steering W N W
the wash employed in making spun-yarn
Latt 8.52 Long 122.20

Thursday March 2nd

All this day fresh trades steering W N W
the wash employed in making spun-yarn
Latt 10.06 Long 125.09

Friday March 3rd

All this day fresh trades with squalls of
rain steering W N W the wash employed
in ships duty Latt 11.06 Long 128.20

Saturday March 4th

All this day strong trades from NNE with much
rain steering W N W Latt 12.44 Long 132.12

Sunday March 5th

All this day strong trades from the NNE with
squalls of rain in the first part steering W N W
Latt 13.12 Long 135.53

Remarks on Board Bark Gay-Head
Monday March 6th

All this day strong trades & very squally
steering W N W Lat 15.80 Long 139.41

Tuesday March 7th

All this day strong trades with squalls in
the first & middle part steering W N W
the wash employed in noting yarns Lat 17.20
Long 143.65

Wednesday March 8th

All this day fresh trades from the East steering
 W by N & N the wash employed in making
spur gear Lat 18.33 Long 146.18

Thursday March 9th

All this day fresh trades from the E N E
steering W by N & N the wash employed
in making spur gear Lat 19.45 Long 149.45

Friday March 10th

All this day fresh trades from the E
steering W by N & N the wash employed
in working in the rigging Lat 20.27 Long 153.09

Saturday March 11th

All this day strong trades steering W by N with
frequent squalls the wash employed in ship-
ping & getting the anchor cables & bending them
Lat 21.02 Long 156.08

Sunday March 12th

All this day strong trades at 2 A.M. raised
the East end of Molokai steering by the
land coast until 3 P.M. & hove too off
Honolulu at 7th took the pilot at 8 the steamer
took us in tow at 9 anchored & moored in
Honolulu harbor

For a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1878

Monday March 13th in port

All hands employed in breaking out for shoocks & coopersing setting up shoocks

We are employed thus all the week
the weather being very squally & blowing a gale
a part of the time ^{March 15th} Henry F. Worth returned

Monday March 20th

Employed in coopersing oil setting shoocks
& getting provisions on shore

Monday March 27th

Employed in getting on board water &
halling the ship to her moorings ^{this day} ^{John Forte} signed

Tuesday March 28th

Employed in getting ready for sea
At 4 A M the Pilot came on board
broke the anchor at 5th went to sea
lying off & on the remainder of the day

Wednesday March 29th

All this day lying off & on at Honolulu
with the Capt on shore

Thursday March 30th

All this day lying off Honolulu harbor
with fresh trades

Friday March 31st

Corn with fresh trades at 5 A M the Capt
came on board & steered for the sea end
of Waoko at 10 steered by the wind
heading from N to N N W Lat. 22.5°
Long = 159°

Remarks on Board the Bark Gay-Head

Saturday April 1st

All this day strong trades steering by the wind heading from N to N $\frac{1}{2}$ W under double reefs courses & fath

Sunday April 2^d

All this day strong trades heading N by W with the bark Cenica on our lea quarter at 8 P.M. the Capt went on Board of her & the mate returned with the boat

Monday April 3^d

All this day strong trades heading N by W the watch employed in making weather cloths & Whaling signals Lat^t 29, 40

Tuesday April 4^d

All this day fresh breezes from the E steering N by W the watch employed in setting up rigging & painting Boats
Lat^t 31, 38

Wednesday April 5^d

All this day fresh breezes from the N & S steering N the watch employed in various work Lat^t 34, 48

Thursday April 6^d

All this day strong breezes from E to S steering N the watch employed in ship's duty Lat^t 37, 48

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Friday April 7th

All this day strong breezes from the South
steering N by E with frequent squalls of
rain the watch employed in bending the
H of mast Day Sail & Rose Spencer

Latt 41° 04'

Saturday April 8th

Calm with light gales from the South
halling Westerly the middle part strong
gales from the West at 3 A M close reefed
the F Sails & furled the courses the last
part more moderate set the courses & filled
with double reefed F Sails Latt 43° 17'

Sunday April 9th

All this day strong breezes from the W & S
steering N by E at 3 A M made all sail

Monday April 10th

Calm with strong winds from the S halling
Westerly steering N the last part the
wind West South W steering the same

Tuesday April 11th Latt 49° 12'

The first & middle parts of this day
moderate winds from the S W steering
N W the last part calm the watch
employed in bending storm sails & getting
out the new boats Latt 51° 50'

Wednesday April 12th

Calm with calms the middle part
strong winds from the S W & S W
steering N W by S the last part the wind
S E steering the same with thick squalls
of snow & rain

Remarks on Board the Bark Gay Head

Thursday April 13th

The first & middle parts of this day light gales from the S & steering NW by N untill back to N & have to under a close reefed Main & Jail at 5 P.M. so steered NW by N under Top Sails & Fore Course at 9 P.M. raised Okumok Island 25 miles distant bearing N by W Lat 55° 53' 36"

Friday April 14th

All this day moderate winds from the West steering by the wind heading S in the first part & lying aback in the middle part at 8 P.M. the Capt of the Cenica came on board & steered East the remainder of the day

Lat 55° 32' Long 153° 51'

Saturday April 15th

All this day light winds from the W steering S by E in the first & last parts the middle part lying aback in company with the Cenica Lat 54° 57'

At 5 P.M. the steward struck at the 3rd Mate Mr Mackumber with a knife & scalded him with hot water

Sunday April 16th

All this day strong breezes from the S steering by the wind heading S S E with much rain & fog

Monday April 17th

Cloud with strong winds from the S E leading S N E with much rain the middle & last parts moderate with the wind S W & I steering S & good weather

Lat 54° 50'

on a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1871

Tuesday April 18th

All this day light winds from the South
steering E with pleasant weather gaining with
the Bark Benicia Latt 54,46

Wednesday April 19th

Born with light air from the S W steering
E by S the middle part fresh breeze from the
same with squalls of snow & rain the last
part high gales from the S E heading E N E
under reefed Top Gails & jib

Thursday April 20th

Born with light gales from the S E heading
E N E with much rain the middle part
more moderate the wind hailing Southward
the last part light winds made all sail
at 6 P.M Latt 53,50

Friday April 21st

All this day light winds from the S W
steering E S E the watch employed
in various small jobs Latt 52,44

Saturday April 22nd

All this day light air from the S E
heading from E S E to E N E saw a
great number of fin Backs

Sunday April 23rd

This day born with light winds from the S E
the middle & last parts strong breeze from the
same heading E N E at 5 P.M raised the coast
of America

Remarks on Board the Bark Gay Head

Monday April 24th

All this day calm with fog & rain
the land 15 miles dist saw many
Fin Backs

Tuesday April 25th

All this day light winds from the S &
S E steering N W by the land with
frequent squalls of rain

Wednesday April 26th

All this day moderate winds from the
S E steering N by W untill 8 A M &
lying to the wind under short sail in
the middle part at 5 P M steered
N S for the N point of Queen Charlots
Iles at in company with the Benicia &
Coholo at 11 steered N W

Thursday April 27th

Calm with strong breezes from the S E
heading S S W the middle & last part
light gales from the same with much
rain at 12 M. N wore ship heading E N E

Friday April 28th

Calm with strong breezes from the S E steering
N E at 3 A M passed Foresters island 3 miles dist
after which we steered N W by N by the shore

Latt 54° 58'

Saturday April 29th

All this day moderate breezes from the S E
& N. steering by the shore heading N W by N
at 10 P M passed Cutka by 25 miles dist

Latt 56° 48'

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Sunday April 30th

All this day fresh breezes from the S & E steering by the shore heading NW until 8 A.M. hove to heading a part of the time on either tack at 4 P.M. steered N.W. with cloudy weather

Monday May 1st

All this day fresh winds from the E and N & steering from NW to W at 3 A.M. passed Mount Fairweather Lat^t 58°, 10'

Tuesday May 2nd

All this day light winds from the E & N steering W with a plenty of H. Backs in sight Lat^t 57°, 25'

Wednesday May 3rd

All this day strong breezes from the W a part of the time on either tack heading SSW & NNW Lat^t 58°, 40'

Thursday May 4th

Calm with light winds from the N heading N, N, NW, at 7 A.M. the wind halled to the E steering W the last part fresh winds from the same steering S, W Lat^t 58°, 40'

Friday May 5th

All this day light winds from the North steering W & S W at 8 P.M. passed Codrake Island squalls of snow all the last part of the day Lat^t 58°, 51'

Saturday May 6th

Calm with light winds from the N steering SW lying to through the middle part at 4 P.M. steered S at 10 the wind halled to the W with snow

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Sunday May 7th

Com with light airs & much snow from the S^W leading S^E the middle part calm with snow the last part clear with fresh gales from the NW heading S^W under clost reefs & storm sails

Latt 55¹¹ 57

Monday May 8th

Com with fresh gales from the NW heading SW S^W under clost reefs the middle part more moderate at 4 P^M made sail heading S^W the wind halting Westerly at 11 P^M backed heading NW

Tuesday May 9th

Com with light winds from the S^E heading SW N^W with rain & fog the middle & last parts strong Breezes from the S heading S^E under double reefs

Wednesday May 10th

All his day light gales from the S^E heading SSW under clost reefs with much fog & rain saw a few fin backs

Thursday May 11th

The first part of this day Strong Breezes from the S^E steering off with Single reefed 2 Sails the middle & last part more moderate steering the same at 7 P^M saw the land on our Starboard beam 20 miles dist at 8 made all sail latt 54¹¹ 20

On a Whaling voyage from New Bedford 1831

Friday May 12th

All this day light winds from the North
heading off N W with a bad head swell
in sight of the land all day

Saturday May 13th

All this day light airs from the North &
W working to the Westward by the land
the watch employed in breaking out the
after hook & stowing the ground tier

Sunday May 14th

Corn with light airs from the S W steering N W
with Guinivac passage 15 miles dist at 7 A M entered
the straits at 12 M it got through the wind
hailing to the S E the last part fresh winds
from the same steering the same Lat 55° 03'

Monday May 15th

Corn with strong winds from the S E steering
N W with rain & fog the middle part
more moderate with the wind the same
the last part the wind light from the
N E steering N W the watch employed in
breaking out shrocks

Tuesday May 16th

All this day light winds from the N E steering
N W with fog & snow in the middle & last
parts the watch employed in stowing the
ground tier in the after hatch

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Wednesday May 17th

All this day light airs from the N^W
at 10 A.M. came to the ice & lay with
the head yards aback until 5 P.M.
steered West the remainder of the
day with the wind from the North
at 10 P.M. got through the ice

Thursday May 18th

Calm with Calms at 3 P.M. the wind
breeze up from the N N E heading
N W the watch employed in setting
up shoocks Latt 57° 34'

Friday May 19th

All this day light winds from N to N E
steering from W N W to North at 10 P.M.
Came up to scattering ice Latt 58° 50'

Saturday May 20th

All this day fresh breezes from the N E steering to the
N W through scattering ice shortened sail &
Lay aback through the night

Sunday May 21th

Calm with strong winds from the N E with
now a part of the time working to the North
through the ice at 2 A.M. raised a sail to
the North 15 miles did it at 9 A.M. double
eased the sail & lay aback in scattering
ice through the middle far at 5 P.M. made
sail heading N N W at 7 P.M. came to clear
water at 11 came to ice & tacked heading
O f J Latt 60° 25'

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Monday May 22nd

All this day strong breezes from the N & E working to the North until 9 A M reefed the Sails at 12 M it came in sight of 13 sails at the head of clear water & up to the ice Latt 60° 52'

Tuesday May 23rd

All this day moderate weather wind from the N E working to the windward in company with 13 sails amongst scattering ice

Latt 60° 49'

Wednesday May 24th

All this day strong breezes from the N E with much fog & snow working to windward amongst scattering ice

Latt 60° 49'

Thursday May 25th

Com with fresh gales from the N E with snow & fog & scattering ice around the middle part more moderate from the N W at 8 P M made sail steering N N E amongst scattering light ice in company with 6 other ships

Latt 61° 55'

Friday May 26th

All this day light winds from the S W to S E steering N E amongst much light ice going about one knot with a swell from the South

Latt 61° 25'

Saturday May 27th

All this day light winds from the N E & North the first part all sail in the middle part heading from N E to E N E under all sail the last part a little more wind from the same with more clear water

Latt 61° 15'

Remarks on board the Bark Gay-Head

Sunday May 28th

All this day light breezes from the North
heading E.N.E the first & last parts the middle
part lying aback with scattering ice around
& 3 sails in sight Latt 61° 03'

Monday May 29th

All this day light winds from the N.E to
E.N.E a part of the time lying aback
& the remainder working to the North
in scattering ice at 1 P.M raised 9
sails bearing N Latt 61° 10'

Tuesday May 30th

All this day light winds from the N.E
lying aback the most of the day with
scattering ice around & very heavy large cakes
cape Fairerene in sight Latt 61° 18'

Wednesday May 31st

All this day light winds from the N & N.E
lying aback a part of the time & working
to the North as the ice opened at 6 P.M
the Massachusetts got a whale

Thursday May 1st ^{Fine}

All this day light air from the S &
off working to the North in broken ice
& some very heavy cakes saw grampus twice
very clear & pleasant weather Latt 61° 33'

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Friday June 2^d

All this day light airs from the S working to the N & through scattering heavy ice at 7 P.M. came to packed ice in thick fog Lat 61.4°

Saturday June 3^d

All this day light airs from the S & S^W with thick fog the most of the time & heavy ice around heard several whales and lowered twice in the fog without success at 8 A.M. the fog cleared a little & saw a whale & lowered for him at 9 & the L.B. struck & killed him at 11 & got him along side & got ready to cut

Lat 61.42

Sunday June 4^d

All this day light winds from the S & S^E at 1 A.M. com to cut the whale at 4^{1/2} finished cutting & got supper at 5 & raised a whale & lowered for him at 7 the boat came on board & set the whales at 2 P.M. com to boil 12 sails in sight Lat 61.29

Monday June 5^d

All this day light winds from the S & E & East working to the North in the first & last parts the middle part blocked with ice with all sail in saw the Fanning take a whale the whach employed in boiling Lat 61.39

Tuesday June 5^d

All this day light winds from the E blocked in the ice at 12 M.H. cooled down at 7 P.M. com to stow down the oil Lat 61.5° cape Norverene 20 mids dist bearing North

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Wednesday June 7th

All this day light airs from the North
in heavy packed ice with all sail in
12 sails in sight Cape Noverene 25 miles
dist bearing N by E saw a little open water
to the N E Latt 61,50

Thursday June 8th

All this day light airs from the N with
all sails furled blocked in the ice with
12 sails in sight Latt 61,50

Friday June 9th

All this day light airs from the N W made
all sail at 5 P M but did not gain any
on account of thick ice cape Noverene
still in sight Latt 61,55

Saturday June 10th

All this day light & variable airs from the E to
N W in thick ice with a light current setting
N E Cape Noverene 15 miles dist Latt 62,00

Sunday June 11th

All this day light winds from the S with
packed ice as far as we can see
with 20 sails in sight Cape Noverene
15 miles dist bearing N W Latt 62,58

Monday June 12th

All this day light winds from the S E
with all sails furled fast to a cake of ice
& thick cloudy weather

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Tuesday June 15th

All this day light winds from the S E with thick fog the ship fast to a cake of ice a little clear water around a part to the day

Wednesday June 16th

All this day light winds from the South amongst broken ice & thick fog & snow. Most of the time at 7 P.M. raised a Bow head & lowered for him without success returning at 8^{1/2}

Thursday June 15th

All this day light winds from the S E with snow & fog in the first & middle parts the ship fast to a cake of ice at 7 P.M. it cleared made sail & steered N E by N

Latt 53.21

Friday June 16th

All this day light airs from the S & N E working to the North through scattering ice at 5 A.M. the ice closed & made fast to a large cake at 8 P.M. it opened & made all sail steering N & N E Latt 53.45

Saturday June 17th

All this day thick weather with snow & fog a part of the day steering N & N E & the remainder made fast to a cake of ice the wind moderate from the South

Latt 54.20

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Sunday June 18th

All this day strong breezes from the SSW with much fog & snow at 6 PM made sail from a cake of ice & steered N E in broken ice at 9 PM got into clear water at 11,30 raised Cape Bering 10 miles distant with light fog

Monday June 19th

All this day light winds from the SSW lying off the land at Cape Bering until 4 PM then steered N W at 7 PM raised the Bark Concordia boiling with thick weather the most of the day saw one Whale going quick to the S

Tuesday June 20th

All this day light winds from the N E working to the S along the land in company with the Concordia & Lagoda the natives on board all the last part from Cape Bering

Wednesday June 21st

All this day light winds from the SSW working along the coast to the S E with thick weather fog snow & rain the ice from 6 to 8 miles off shore

Thursday June 22nd

All this day light winds from the SSW working along the land to windward with 1/2 y of snow at 6 AM covered for a whale it proved to be a California gray & sail in sight got up the cables & hauled them to the anchor

On a whaling from New Bedford 1831

Friday June 23rd

All this day fresh breezes from the West working along the shore at 4 A.M. passed Plover bay in company with 10 Sails at 6 P.M. passed Indian point with ice along the West shore

Saturday June 24th

All this day fresh breezes from the N.W. steering by the wind reading N.W. & at 8 A.M. off St Lawrence Bay with the head yards aback the Bay full of ice at 1 P.M. stood to the N.E. with light fog at 11 tacked to the W. with the Diamonds 2 miles dist

Sunday June 25th

All this day light winds from the N.W. hating to windward along shore at 2 A.M. passed East Cape at 52 came to the ice 25 miles to the North of the straits 10 Sails in sight saw a few Devil fish going quick

Monday June 26th

All this day light & variable winds working along the land to the N.E. between Cape Verdoe & Cape East the land 5 miles dist

Tuesday June 27th

All this day light air from the South heading N.W. at 4 A.M. Capt Parker came off from the North side of Cape East at 7 P.M. lowered for Devil fish at 11 the L. D. shot one but did not succeed in getting him

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head
Wednesday June 28th

Bore with light airs from the N^W
with the Boats off after Devil fish
at 2 A M they came on board & braced
to the wind heading N^W at 7 tacked
heading N^E & the middle part light
winds the last part fresh breezes from
the same heading N^E

Thursday June 29th

The first & middle parts of this day strong
breezes from the N^W steering to the Westward
by the edge of the ice at 15 A M raised
3 sails to windward steering to the South
the last part the wind light from
the same steering to the E & N, latt 67.20

Friday June 30th

All this day light winds from the South
working to East by the edge of the ice with
3 sails in sight hunting for Walrus

latt 67.44

Saturday July 1st

All this day light airs from the N^W
going by the edge of the ice to the E
Saw a few walrus but did not lower

Sunday July 2nd

All this day light airs from the N^E at 7 A M
sent the Boats after walrus & got 30
all day

Monday July 3rd

All this day light winds from the N^W
with the Boats off the most of the time
after walrus & got 36 during the day

on a sparkling voyage from New Bedford 1851

Tuesday July 4th

All this day light airs from the South
working by the edge of the ice to the
East in pursuit of walrus saw a few but
did not lower

Latt 67.35

Wednesday July 5th

the first part of this day calm at 2 AM
lowered for walrus the boats returning
at 12 M^o with 6 Latt 67.26

Thursday July 6th

Calm with light winds from the South & thick
fog at 2 PM the wind haled to the West & the
fog cleared saw a few Walrus but did not
lower for them

Friday July 7th

All this day light winds from the N^W
steering to the S & East at 5 AM lowered
for walrus & got 4 at 2 PM lowered again
& got 9

Saturday July 8th

All this day light airs from the S & North
working by the edge of the ice saw a few
walrus but did not lower for them at 8 PM
lowered for killers but did not get any

Sunday July 9th

The first & middle part of this day strong
winds from the N^W lying to under
short sail off the edge of the ice the last
part calm

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Monday July 10th

All this day light winds from the South working to the West by the edge of the ice in pursuit of Walrus but saw a very few

Tuesday July 11th

All this day light winds from the South & west at 1 P.M. made the western ice & worked back to the Eastward

Wednesday July 12th

All this day fresh breezes from the West & NW at 11 A.M. lowered for walrus in a thick snow storm at 2 came on board with 7 walrus at 5 P.M. lowered again with good weather

Thursday July 13th

All this day light winds from the NW with a plenty of walrus on the ice at 3 P.M. the Boats came on board with 20 & went again returning at 4 P.M. with 30

Friday July 14th

All this day light winds from the N.W. with fog and snow the major part of the time employed in boating all day heading N.E. 40°

Saturday July 15th

All this day light winds from the N.W. steering N.E. until 7 A.M. it took heading N.E. & 30° of N. Walrus lowered for stem at 10 A.M. then headed going again to the South & took him with 2 boats & returned at 11 P.M.

On a whaling voyage from New Bedford 16th

Sunday July 16th

The first & middle part of the day light
was from the North being about withdrawning
of flowing down it at 10 A.M. to finished
stowing the boats got 2 walrus the 1st
part the wind N.E. steering to the North
by the edge of the ice with light fog a
part of the time

Monday 17th

All this day moderate breeze from the N.E.
at 2 A.M. the Capt. went on board
the Venica at 11 A.M. he returned
the remainder of the day working
to the N.W. by the edge of the ice

Latt 68.33

Tuesday July 18th

All this day strong breeze from the N.E.
working to the South by the edge of
the ice under reefed Sails & fish
Latt 68.19

Wednesday July 19th

All this day strong breeze from the
N.E. working to the South by the edge
of the ice with light fog the most
of the time under reefed Sails

Thursday July 20th

Calm with moderate winds from
the South at 8 A.M. raised a lot of
walrus on the ice & sent the boats
in at 4 P.M. they returned with
47 at 8 sent them again returning at
11 with 10 walrus Cape Deserze in sight
bearing S.E.

Remarks on board the Bark Gaz. Head

Friday July 21st

All this day fresh breezes from the S E with
rain & fog a part of the day working
to the N E by the ice saw a few walrus

Saturday July 22^d

All this day light winds from the South
at 6 A M sent the Boats in after
walrus at 12 M they returned in
a thick fog with 14 walrus the
remainder of the day lying off the edge
of the ice.

Sunday July 23^d

All this day light winds from the S S E
at 12 M D sent the Boats after walrus
at 7 A M they returned with 16 the
remainder of the day steering S E in
Boiling

Monday July 24th

Calm with light air from the S E
bearing E N E at 6 A M the wind
shifted to the North steering E
at 2 P M Cape Lisbon bearing N E
25 miles list at 4 it came in thick
fog & lay aback

Tuesday July 25th

All this day strong breezes from the N S
with thick fog lying aback by the
edge of the ice

Wednesday July 26th

All this day strong breezes from the N E
frequent squalls of snow lying
about on the shore at cape Lisbon
winter set top Sails & storm sails

on a whaling voyage from New Bedford

Thursday July 27th

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All this day strong winds from the N E
under reefed Top Sails working to windward
spoying the wind between 30° & 45°. The Cape
was born

Friay July 28th

All this day strong gales from the N E stirring
the wind heading N N W under close
reefed Top Sails & storm sails saw a
very little

Saturday July 29th

Calm with strong breezes from the N E
heading E S E the middle part light
winds from the E N E heading North
with light floes of ice the last part
calm the work employed in stowing oil

Sunday July 30th

All this day light airs from the West
prevailing N E with scattering ice around
none seen in sight

Monday July 31th

Calm with calms the middle & last
part's light airs from the North
heading N N E with cape leborn 3 miles
dist bearing South

Tuesday July 31st

Calm with light airs from the N W
heading N E a l t d to the 4 boats
went swimming & returned at 1 with 425
drags fire, middle & last part's light
winds from the North working to the North
with scattering ice around

Remarks on Board the Bark Gay Head

Wednesday Aug 2^d

All this day fresh breezes from the North working to the North between the packed ice & land with scattering ice 10 miles off shore one sail in sight Sat 70, 10

Thursday Aug 3^d

All this day light winds from the N & E working along shore to the N & E at 8 A.M. came to anchor 10 miles from the shore & miles from icy Cape in company with the F. D. Thompson.

Friday Aug 4th

All this day light winds with fog lying at anchor 5 miles from icy Cape in company with 5 other vessels

Saturday Aug 5th

All this day fresh winds from the N & E being at anchor at 7 A.M. got under weigh & went 7 miles to the South to get clear of the ice

Sunday Aug 6th

All this day light winds from the North at 9 A.M. took the anchor & worked to the N & E along shore with the ice from 3 to 15 miles from the land at 10 P.M. passed Blossom Shales with 10 sail in sight

Monday Aug 7th

All this day light winds from the N & E working to windward along shore in from 5 to 12 fathoms of water

On a whaling voyage from New Bedford 1781

Tuesday Aug 9th

On this day right winds with light fog at times at 2 A.M. raised whale coming from the ice & lowered the Boats the L B struck & killed him at 2 I got him along side & finished cutting & set the wach at 4 made fast to the ice & started boiling

Wednesday Aug 10th

All this day fresh breezes from the N.E with fog a part of the day at 8 A.M. raised a whale & lowered the L B Boats at 9 the B B struck & killed him at 10 took him along side & anchored at 4 P.M. finished cutting & made sail working up to the ice & anchored the remainder of the day the wach were employed in boiling

Thursday Aug 10th

All this day light winds from the N.E with 2 sights of other whales in the ice & saw a few returning at 3 A.M. of 1st the wach at 10 saw a whale & lowered the L B Boats at 10 & the L Boat struck & lost her whale in the ice in thick fog 4 whales taken by the fleet this day

Friday Aug 11th

All this day strong winds & light fog from the N.E with 2 boats off looking for whales in the ice saw a very few whales but got none 14 ships at anchor within 2 miles 3 whales taken this day by the fleet

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Saturday Aug 12th

All this day light airs from the N & N W with 2 boats off in the ice looking for whales at 9 A M the ice closed in leaving the boats 6 miles in the ice with 12 others at 11 A M we halled them on the ice & left them starting for the land at 2 P M got on shore & started to get aboard of the ships at 8 P M they all got on board their ships

Sunday Aug 13th

All this day light airs from the N & N W at 5 P M sent 2 boats crews after the boats left of the ice the remainder stowing oil & finishing boiling

Monday Aug 14th

All this day light airs from the West with 2 boats off after whales the remainder stowing oil

Tuesday Aug 15th

All this day light airs from the North with 2 boats off after whales the remainder stowing oil & clearing deck

Wednesday Aug 16th

All this day light airs from the N with thick fog all 4 boats off after whales but saw nothing

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Thursday Aug 17th

All this day calms with thick fog
all hands employed in breaking
out for shroocks & stowing snug
between decks

Friday Aug 18th

All this day light airs from the
N & E with 3 boats off cruising
for whales with the ship made
fast to a cake of ice in 3 fathoms
of water

Saturday Aug 19th

All this day calms with thick fog 3 boats off
cruising for whales but saw nothing the last part
the ice came to one half mile from the shore
with 28 ships along the edge of it made fast to
the ice that was aground

Sunday Aug 20th

All this day light airs from the N & South with
thick fog a part of the time 3 boats off after
whales in the first part but saw none the other
two on board setting up shroocks & hoisting a
new Main & Tail got 2 men from the Emily-
Morgan that were recked from the ice

Monday Aug 21st

All this day light airs from the South with
thick fog at 6 A.M. cast off from the ice
& dropped the anchor in 3 fathoms of water
a cables length from the ice & a half mile
from the land

Tuesday Aug 22^d

All this day light winds from the North at
anchor in the same place with 2 boats off
loosening for whales but saw nothing

Remarks on board the Bark Gog Head

Wednesday Aug 23rd

All this day from the N.E. being at anchor so much South of point Belcher at 5 A.M. the boats returned & all hands got supper

Thursday Aug 24th

All this day light winds from the N.E. at 1 A.M. sent the 2 & 3 Boats off on a long cruise with 4 days provisions

Friday Aug 25th

At 5 A.M. the Boats off the Sea Horse Island in the 2 B struck & killed a whale got him along side of a cake of ice at 6 A.M. & com to cut him worked on him in company with the Concordes Boats at 10 it grew dark & foggy the boats went to the land to camp

Saturday Aug 26th

All this day light gales with thick fog with the whale closed in with ice sent the 2 B on board after more provisions returning the next day

Sunday Aug 27th

All this day the wind light from the N.E. the whale still in packed ice

Monday Aug 28th

All this day light wind & variable at 4 P.M. the ice opened the boats went to the whales & cut them at 12 finished cutting & towed to the beach got dinner & com to wing along shore

on a whaling voyage from New Bedford 1877

Tuesday Aug 29th

All this day light & variable winds
towing the Blubber to the off along the
beach at at 11 P.M the currant com
to run to the N.E & the ice to close up
made the Blubber fast to the beach &
4 boats started for the ships

Wednesday Aug 30th

All this day light winds from the South
with snow or snow the most of the time
at 2 A.M the Boat got to the ship
at 12 M the ice closed to the beach

Thursday Aug 31st

All this day light & variable winds
lying at anchor off point Belcher with
packed all around & mild from the
shore with much snow in the first part

Friday Sept 1st

All this day light & variable winds from the
S.E to S.W with light snow squalls still
locked in the ice close to the land in
5 fathoms. of water

Saturday Sept 2nd

All this day light airs from the Southward with
packed ice all around at 8 P.M sent 3 Boat
off over the ice to the Blubber & towed
it along shore

Sunday Sept 3rd

All this day light southerly airs at 8 A.M
the Boat came on board at 3 P.M they went
again after the Blubber at 8 got it through the ice
to the ship & soon to take it on board

Remarks on board the Bark Gay Head

Monday Sept 4th

4th this day light airs from the N & N.W.
Employed in packed ice at 3 o'clock started
the foreworks & hoisted the remainder
of the day

Tuesday Sept 5th

5th this day light winds from the East
employed in hoisting still blocked in
the ice with frequent spralls of snow

Wednesday Sept 6th

6th this day light airs from the E & S South
with much rain in the middle
part flowing down oil in the
first part with a strip of clear
water a mile off shore

Thursday Sept 7th

7th this day light airs from the E & S South
still in the packed ice at anchor with
light spralls of snow the current running
at one knot per hour

Friday Sept 8th

8th this day strong winds from
the N & S, & with much rain & snow
killing the seafishers being crushed
in the ice & 2 or 3 others in a bad
condition in danger of going ashore

Saturday Sept 9th

light breeze from N.W. & S. 2 boats
went down to the flat to find out the
case the Captain held a consultation
as to the prospect of getting the ship out they
lightened the Brig Fishola and sent her
out over the bar to clear water there is only 5 feet

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water to go out in some of the Gaffs we sent
further down to the Brig Victoria to get her
out so we might have some means of
getting off in case of losing the Ship

Sunday Sept 11th

breeze from the N E but no
signs of the Ice opening sent off with
a load of Provisions down the coast to the clear
water the Ice is making fast around the Ship,
and if it keeps freezing we shall soon be fast
in

Monday Sept 11 clear & cold light breezes from S E
no signs of the Ice opening yet the clear water
is 20 miles off & the heavy Ice is packed all
round the Ship aground in shore and off
shore and frozen together

Tuesday Sept 12th

calm weather the Ice still packed
around the Ship and no chance of
getting out heard numerous whales
spouting in the Ice off shore latter
part light S E breeze

Wednesday Sept 13th

Fresh S' wind the Ice getting to N E and
on shore the Bark George dragged her
anchors and got foul of our flexible boom
and port bow tearing off her sail and injuring
her rigging the Bark Concordia lies astern of
and we cannot lay out any more cable or
we shall be foul of her latter part got
some of our provisions ashore over the Ice and
signals set to South by the other Ships so ends

Thursday Sept 14th

First part of these 24 hours fresh S breeze
the packing on Shore being now convinced
that there is no chance of getting the Ships
in clear water which is 70 miles distant
the Captains of all the Ships who are in the
same situation determined to abandon the
Ships to save life as it is impossible to
stay here all winter with only 3 months
provisions and no shelter for the Ships and
we all feel convinced the first N W gale
will throw the Ships on the beach or they
will be crushed by the sea accordingly at
7 A.M having landed provisions enough to
last us 4 days we hauled the Boats over
the Lee and loaded them ready to start
set the ensign Union down and abandoned
the Ships being forced to do so to preserve our
lives, and consider the Ships lost beyond hope

List of Provisions used on board Bark
Pay Head commencing Oct 11th 1870

	Bacon bbls	Pork bbls	Bread gallons	Flour bbls	Molasses gallons
			135	1	
" 18	1	1		2	
" 26	1	1		12	28
Nov 10	2	8	197	12	
" 21	12	1			
" 28	2	5		2 Do	
Dec 9 th	1	1			
" 12 th	1		290		
" 22 nd				2	
" 28 th		1			
Jan 5 th 1 st	2				
" 15 th			154	2	
" 25 th 1 st					
Feb 10 th				2	
" 20 th 1 st	1				
March 3 rd 1 st	1		250	2	
April 4 th 1 st	1			2	
" 17 th 1 st	1		300		
May 3 rd 1 st	1			2	
" 30 th 1 st	1			2	
June 6 th				2	
" 12 18 1			240		
" 20				3	
" 28 1/2 1				32	
July 12 th 1 st			253		
" 24 1/2 1					
" 28				32	

